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Evaluation of MGNREGS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the contribution of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) in the development of rural economy;

(b) the comparative details before and after the implementation of the said scheme,State/UT-wise;

(c) whether MGNREGS has failed to provide uniform contribution in all the States and this has increased the disparity among the States;

(d) whether any efforts have been made to use MGNREGS funds for creation of rural assets such as drainage system, canal for irrigation, water harvesting system etc. and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the extent to which migration of the people from rural areas has been stopped after the implementation of MGNREGS and if so, the details thereof, year-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV)

(a)&(b): Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) has (i) smoothened rural consumption in the lean season (ii) set high standards in transparency (iii) addressed under-employment problem (iv) created assets that improved livelihoods (v) gave boost to the financial inclusion (vi) strengthened Gram Panchayats (vii) improved the wage levels in rural areas and thereby increasing the income levels of the poorest of poor (viii) set standards for decent working conditions (ix) reduced distress migration among rural poor, (x) helped in bringing fallow lands into cultivation.

(c): MGNREGA is a demand driven wage employment programme, hence no State/UT- wise allocation of fund is made. The central funds are released to the States/UTs on the basis of agreed to Labour Budget and taking into consideration the performance and the pace of utilization of available funds.

(d): The central funds are released to the States/UTs for implementation of the programme including creation of rural assets such as drainage system, water harvesting system etc. on the basis of agreed to Labour Budget and taking into consideration the performance and the pace of utilization of available funds. The State/UT-wise details of the activities relating to Natural Resource Management undertaken under MGNREGS during the last three years and the current year are given in Annexure.

(e): Research by independent agencies have shown that effective implementation of MGNREGA has reduced distress migration. Results show that number of days wage employment provided is inversely proportional to distress migration by members of the household.
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(i) *Water conservation and water harvesting structures to augment and improve groundwater like underground dykes, earthen dams, stop dams, check dams with special focus on recharging ground water including drinking water sources;

(ii) Watershed management works such as contour trenches, terracing, contour bunds, boulder checks, gabion structures and spring shed development resulting in a comprehensive treatment of a watershed;

(iii) Renovation of traditional water bodies including desilting of irrigation tanks and other water bodies; and

(iv) Afforestation, tree plantation and horticulture in common and forest lands, road margins, canal bunds, tank foreshores and coastal belts duly providing right to usufruct to the households